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Professor Says U.S. at Crossroads of Most Serious Crisis in History

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President George Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are puppets of the Anglo-American military-industrial elite, but "this doesn't exonerate them from the electric chair," said author and professor Michel Chossudovsky at the recent Perdana Global Peace Conference conducted in Kuala Lumpur by former Malaysian Prime Minster Mahathir Mohamad.

Their war crimes are known but are being presented as an "error" by the mass media in the United States, said Chossudovsky.

America, Britain, Israel and NATO, as well, are acting as "a threat to the future of humanity" in the course of the ongoing offensive against Iran, he said. Chossudovsky referred to the neo-conservative Project for a New American Century's grand design as "a chart for global military conquest." The media itself has become "criminal" by its role in promoting the warfare system, particularly since, Chossudovsky said, "The future of humanity is at stake," but the media is ignoring the dangers. "Without the lies and distortions of the media, the campaign for war could not be sustained."

The professor said that people need to rally together: "We can and must confront the consensus and undo the media lies and bring the war criminals to justice. We require a massive campaign to change the course of history. We need to dismantle media disinformation and propaganda."

There is, he said, "a collective responsibility" of the institutions — including the U.S. Congress which, Chossudovsky asserted, "is complicit in the war system."

In addition, the targets of the war on terror — Osama bin Laden and Abu Musab al-Zarqawi — are no less than "creations of the CIA" who have played a vital role in the staging of the war on terror.

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Chossudovsky pointed out that former President Harry Truman recorded in his own diary that the nuclear bombs intended to be used on Japan were aimed at "military" targets only. Even after the attack on Hiroshima, he said, Truman asserted in his diary that Hiroshima was "a military base" for the Japanese, which it was not. Chossudovsky added that, today, the levels of media distortion and sophistication are much greater — so much so that people have no concept of the fact that we are today at what he called "the crossroads of the most serious crisis in our history."

The theme has been promulgated, Chossudovsky noted, that "nuclear bombs are safe for civilians and can be used in conventional warfare." There are no safeguards anymore against the use of nuclear weapons and there is talk of "theater war" usage of nuclear weapons, suggesting that nuclear weapons and their fallout can somehow be "limited." But the use of nuclear weapons, he said, makes it nuclear warfare, pure and simple.

The use of one nuclear bomb against Iran will be a catastrophe; the use of one nuclear bomb against an Iranian nuclear facility will make it an even greater catastrophe considering the release of additional nuclear materiel under such circumstances.

Even the so-called "bunker buster" nuclear weapons that are being considered for use against Iran are six times more explosive than the Hiroshima bomb. The war-planners imply that the bunker busters are "safe" for use near civilians. Preparations — "concrete military plans" — have been under way for some time for the use of nuclear bombs and their so-called "integration" into conventional warfare. Military manuals even now are in line with the "Nuclear Weapons Deployment Authorization" which gives military commanders on the ground the authority to determine whether nuclear weapons should be used, he said.

"If the media is lying, we must confront the media and the flow of disinformation that permeates the print and broadcast media," said Chossudovsky.

"Iran is not the threat to global security. It is the United States which is a threat. This is a fundamental conclusion," he added.

He said that the military and intelligence community in the United States must confront what he called "the criminal nature of the U.S. administration" and those Western nations that remain silent in the face of an impending threat of a nuclear war.

"We must reverse the course of history." Otherwise a nuclear holocaust is in the offing.

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